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Dear Les, Travis and Russell:

We want to express our thanks to you and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for your collaboration in the 2004-2005 *Spartina* Dispersal Study. The monthly drift card releases that you did during the study were critical to its success. We could not have conducted this research without your assistance in the field each month and your prompt reporting of the release details.

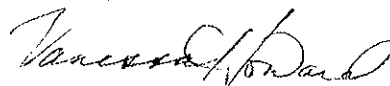
Data from the study have demonstrated the potential geographic range of ocean dispersed *Spartina* propagules as well as seasonal variations of near-shore currents. Cards from Willapa Bay continue to be reported, but to date 551 people have recovered over 1,000 of the 2,400 drift cards you released. Ocean currents carried some of these cards hundreds of kilometers from Tokeland – as far Middleton Island, Alaska and as far south as Florence, Oregon.

Thanks again for your valuable assistance with this study.

Best regards,



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